



## Transportation Project Updates

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**2022 Construction Projects****Annual Street Resurfacing Project**

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's street resurfacing activities and includes some asphalt path resurfacing. Local resurfacing work in 2022 will occur primarily in the area bounded by Miller, Maple, Jackson, and Huron. Resurfacing of various segments of asphalt paths was also included and has been completed. The complete list of streets included in the 2022 program is posted on the [project website](#). Work began in mid-May and is scheduled to continue through October.

**Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh)**

The project includes watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. More information is available on the project [website](#). Bids were opened by MDOT on September 2, and the low bid was much higher than anticipated. The current plan is to rebid the project as a single year project to begin in the spring of 2023. Bids are expected to be opened in December or January. Staff believes this could result in some significant cost savings; however, the project will likely be higher than originally budgeted regardless.

**Sidewalk Gaps**

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2022 include (some tentative timelines shown in parentheses):

- Barton Drive (north side from Brede to Pontiac) – Complete.
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook) – Complete.
- Broadway (north/west side from Broadview Ln to Plymouth) – Postponed to 2023
- Ellsworth Road (north side, State to Stone School) – Under construction
- Hiscock Street (east side, near Summit) – Under construction
- Hutchins & Prescott (near Stadium) – Complete
- South Main Street (address 2878) – Postponed due to easement needs
- Newport (east side from Sunset to Down up Circle) – postponed to June 2023
- Nixon/Traver (Westbury to Logan Elementary) – Complete
- Platt Road (address 2231) – Complete
- Russell Street (with first time paving project) – Under construction
- Saunders Crescent (address 1121) – Complete
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) – Spring 2023
- Tuebingen Parkway (Lancashire to Traver) – Complete
- Winchell, Brockman, Frieze loop – Complete



- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) – Complete

### **State Street Improvement Project (William to Huron)**

The project scope includes resurfacing, watermain work, non-motorized improvements, and installation of our first curb less street (William to Washington). Construction began on June 1 and will occur in two phases. Phase 1, (William to Liberty) was scheduled to be completed by Labor Day 2022 but ran over the schedule. The street is now. Phase 2 (Liberty to Huron) will begin in spring of 2023 and be concluded before Labor Day of that year.

### **Barton Drive Bike Lanes**

When Barton Drive was resurfaced in 2020, staff had proposed the removal of on-street parking between Pontiac and Northside in order to install dedicated bike lanes. City Council approved a Resolution to remove the on-street parking at their July 18, 2022 meeting. The bike lanes will be installed in October.

### **Broadway Street (Plymouth to Plymouth)**

This project includes the replacement of an aging watermain as well as resurfacing of the street. The project will also replace the existing speed humps, add crosswalks, and fill sidewalk gaps on the north side of the road at the east end of the project. Design work on the project is currently being completed, however due to material shortages, construction will be postponed to the spring of 2023. A public engagement was held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. A meeting summary will be posted on the project webpage at [www.a2gov.org/Broadway](http://www.a2gov.org/Broadway).

### **Huron Parkway/Tuebingen Resurfacing (Nixon to Traver)**

This project includes road resurfacing, filling of a sidewalk gap, and installation of bike lanes. Construction is now substantially complete, and the road is open to traffic.

### **Geddes Ave Resurfacing (Observatory to Highland)**

This project includes resurfacing, stormwater improvements, and crosswalk upgrades. Due to supply chain issues, construction has been postponed to the spring of 2023.

### **Projects Currently in Design/Planning**

#### **Earhart Road (US-23 to Geddes Road)**

This project consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and US-23. This was originally two projects, with the southern portion from Greenhill's to Geddes scheduled for 2022. However, due to contractor capacity issues, this project was not able to be completed in 2022 and is being combined with the northern portion for construction in 2023. The project scope includes resurfacing and the addition of bike lanes. A virtual public meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to present information on the proposed lane reconfiguration north of Glazier Way and on the potential reconfiguration of the Glazier Way intersection. Details on the public meeting are available on the project webpage at [www.a2gov.org/earhart2023](http://www.a2gov.org/earhart2023).



### **Seventh Street & Greenview**

This project consists of watermain replacement and resurfacing on South Seventh Street between Scio Church and Greenview, and on Greenview between Seventh and Scio Church. The Seventh Street portion of the project includes stormwater improvements in the scope, which could consist of such things as road narrowing, raingardens, sand filters, and/or underground stormwater storage. Design work on the project is underway. Construction on this project is scheduled for 2023. A public engagement meeting was held on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Follow-up information from the meeting will be posted to the [project webpage](#). Following the Transportation Commission's recommendations from their September 21, 2022 meeting, staff is presenting a Resolution to City Council to remove on-street parking from one side (the west side) of South Seventh Street from Scio Church to Lawton Elementary. This Resolution is schedule to go to City Council on November 10, 2022.

### **Brooks Street Improvements**

This project consists of watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, street resurfacing, sidewalk gap filling, and possible reconfiguration of the Brooks/Vesper/Sunset intersection. Design work is underway, and construction is planned for 2023. A public meeting to discuss the elements was held on September 22. A video recording of the meeting and other materials is available on the project website at: [www.a2gov.org/Brooks](http://www.a2gov.org/Brooks).

### **State & Hill Improvements**

This is a Federal aid project (Surface Transportation Program, Highway Safety Improvements Program, and COVID relief funding). The project limits are as follows:

- State Street (South University to Packard)
- State Street (Hoover to Granger)
- Hill Street (Fifth Ave. to Church)

The project scope includes watermain replacement and lead transfers, street resurfacing, non-motorized improvements, crosswalk upgrades, and new streetlights. Public engagement meetings were held on April 26<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup>. More information on the public meeting can be found on the [project website](#). A follow-up presentation to the Transportation Commission is scheduled for the October meeting.

### **South Main Street Watermain & Resurfacing**

This project consists of replacement of the watermain and resurfacing of the street from Huron to William. Public engagement has been underway with the adjacent business owners and the DDA. Design work will be completed in 2022, and construction is planned for 2023.

### **Huron Parkway/Earhart Capital Preventative Maintenance Project**

The scope of this project includes the application of a cape seal treatment over the existing pavement on Huron Parkway (Geddes to Hubbard) and Glazier Way (Green to Earhart). When the pavement is restriped following the treatment, edge lines will be added on Huron Parkway (narrowing the travel lanes slightly), and buffered bike lanes will be installed on Glazier Way. Construction is scheduled for spring 2023.



## **Other Updates and Information**

### **Streetlight Implementation**

997 streetlight outages have been addressed to date by DTE in 2022. Additionally, work continues streetlight maintenance which paints, replaces, or performs other preventive maintenance work on existing City-owned streetlights to ensure operability's.

### **Traffic Calming Program Submittals**

Granger (State to Packard) has kicked off. The initial questionnaire was sent to residents and is due back October 24th.

### **Transportation Plan Update**

City staff have been working with a consulting team in the development of a speed management program. As part of this effort, the city will conduct three open house events to discuss the purpose of the program, the process development, and provide information on the different types of tools that could be used to reduce speeds on major streets. All users of the transportation system are encouraged to participate.

- October 19 – Ann Arbor Farmers Market, 315 Detroit Street: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- October 22 – Traverwood Branch Library, 3333 Traverwood Dr: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- October 26 – Mallets Creek Branch Library, 3090 E Eisenhower Pkwy: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

### **TheRide Update**

As of September 6, 2022, all services have been restored to pre-pandemic levels. Ridership is continuing to recover as people return to school and work. August and September had the highest ridership recovery since the onset of the pandemic – 61% and 69% of the same months in 2019 respectively.

TheRide's Board of Directors approved the Authority's FY2023 budget on September 28, and staff will be working on a few initiatives such as hiring and placing customer service agents at the Ypsilanti Transit Center and developing plans for a few major capital projects.

New and lower pass prices have been implemented as of August 28, 2022. Please check them out on [TheRide.org](https://www.theride.org).

Public engagement plans are underway to share the findings of the propulsion study with the general public and stakeholders starting in October/November 2022.